

**Annual Parish Meeting for Frostenden held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Mr Malcolm Rendle was in the Chair with 6 parishioners attending and clerk to the group council Jean Brown

- 1 Opening and welcome
- 2 Apologies- Cllr Sanger and Cllr Garwood
- 3 Minutes of the 20145APM had been circulated and signed on prop of Cllr Read, seconded Cllr Hardy.
- 4 MATTERS ARISING - None
- 5 The Group Council Chairman's report for year 2015/16 was read.

Mr Scriven asked if the VAS will be purchased, The Chair explained that provided the cost is not too high it will be, although it will be shared between several parishes and sited in Clay Common.

Cllr Watson observed that the promised works to improve the visibility on the A12 between Gypsy Lane and Laurel house had not been done. The Chair will remind Mark Kerridge.

A discussion on the ways to improve visibility for vehicles joining the A12 from Church Lane took place with no real resolution.

- 6 Group Council's Accounts 2015/16 - Presented by the Clerk Jean Brown showed a balance b/fwd of £1657.99. Income - Precept of £3000 plus 12p interest Latitude Ticket Sales £931.00 (passed on to Uggeshall Millennium Fund). Latitude Ticket Sales for Frostenden £800.00, this amount will be kept in the Council's account until the PC decides on a worthwhile purchase. Expenditure of £2993.43 leaving balance in hand of £3817.57 – accounts unexamined.
- 7 Report from The Playing Field Committee including presentation of accounts.

Mrs Holmes said that Claire Keable is the new Treasurer. There has been a lack of fundraising activities, but a recent dog walk raised approx £500 and 2 people manned stalls locally raising approx. £120. Mrs Holmes has

found a cheaper company to conduct a Play Safe inspection, and hopes that Adnams will sponsor a new gate for the field. Cllr Hardy said that the Committee is under strength and that the support for various activities is low.

The accounts were presented, but need to be signed off, Mrs Holmes will send a copy to the Clerk.

- 8 Report from the Village Hall Committee including presentation of accounts. These were presented by Cllr Rendle. These showed balance b/fwd of £5219.07. Receipts of £726.15. Expenditure of £1205.15, leaving balance in hand at year end 31/1/16 of £4740.07. Accounts had been examined by Mrs G Stockdale. This is a healthy balance, but there was a deficit of £479.00 this year and as with the playing field there is no support. Fund raising this year consisted of a meet and greet coffee morning and a local history display. There is to be a meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 9 Parish Recorder. The report for 2015 had been submitted to the Suffolk Local History Council, it's purpose being to record news and changes in the village during the year.
- 10 Parochial Charities accounts. These were presented by Trustee correspondent, Mr Paul Scriven. These showed balance brought forward of £1679.92. Receipts £259.85. There was a reinvestment of £106.00 \* and disbursements of £150 leaving balance in hand of £1939.77.

These accounts had been examined by Miss Jane Shepherd.

\* Government repayment of 2.5% Consols was reinvested in £83.16 5% Treasury Stock at a cost of £106.00 plus charges of £37.60, this will increase the yield.

The 8% Treasury Stock 2015 of £1870.79 has been reinvested in 4.75% £1880.12 Treasury Gilt 2030 with a greatly reduced yield. The trustees, Mssrs D Woodward BA and P Scriven MBE appointed by the Parish Council, always welcome details of anyone where these annual funds could be of assistance within the terms of the Charity.

- 11 Community First Responders, Wrentham Group – None

## 12 Any Other Business

P Scriven suggested a new bench to mark the Queen's birthday, this will be discussed at the May meeting with other suggestions. He also asked if the bench at the top of Gypsy Lane, donated by Mr J Barton in 1989, could be refurbished and cleared of undergrowth. To be discussed at May meeting.

Cllr Rendle reported that reps from the Drainage Dept of Suffolk Coastal & WDC paid a site visit to Clay Common during the year following contact from residents. Letters were sent to Riparian Land Owners reminding them of their legal responsibilities with regard to maintenance of ditches and associated infrastructure within their ownership.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm and the chairman thanked all those attending.

Chairman .....

Date .....